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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 15 December 1994, the General Assembly adopted resolution 49/72, entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia", the relevant operative part of which reads as follows:

> "The General Assembly,
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> "...
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> "1. Reaffirms its endorsement, in principle, of the concept of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;
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> "...
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> "4. Requests the Secretary-General to communicate with the States of the region and other concerned States in order to ascertain their views on the issue and to promote consultations among them with a view to exploring the best possibilities of furthering the efforts for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;
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> "5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report on the subject to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session".

2. Pursuant to the request contained in paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 17 March 1995, requested the States of the region and other concerned States to provide their views on the matter. The reply received is reproduced in section II of the present report. Any other replies received will be issued as addenda to the report.

II. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

MALDIVES

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[22 May 1995]

1. The position of the Government of Maldives with regard to the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia is derived from the principle that it supports the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in any region of the world, as is enunciated in the policy statement delivered by the Foreign Ministers of Maldives yearly during the general debate of the regular session of the General Assembly.

2. Maldives remains committed to supporting complete disarmament and remains convinced that this is one of the steps that could lead to that end.